(c) improve the absorption of imported technology.

Copies of the Report have been placed in the library of Parliament. All the recommendations are under the examination of Government from the point of view of the development of science and technology.

कम्प्यूटर के प्रयोग में उपलब्धियां

1132. श्री सत्यपाल मलिक : क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) देश में विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयुक्त किए जाने संबंधी सरकारी नीति के लक्ष्यों में अब तक कितनी सफलता मिली है ; और

(ख) अभी तक विभिन्न विभागों में कम्प्यूटरों का उपयोग करने के क्या परिणाम निकले हैं ?

विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा महासागर विकास, परमाणु ऊर्जा इलेक्ट्रॉनिकी और अन्तरिक्ष विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के० आर० नारायणन) : (क) सरकार द्वारा विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयोग को बढ़ावा दिया जा रहा है ताकि अर्थव्यवस्था के महत्वपूर्ण क्षेत्रों में उत्पादकता में सुधार लाया जा सके। अतः इस प्रयोजन के लिए कोई नियत-लक्ष्य नहीं निर्धारित किए गए हैं । प्राथमिकता तथा स्रोतों की उपलब्धता के आधार पर विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयोग से प्रौद्योगिकी का उन्नयन किया जा रहा है ।

(ख) विभिन्न विभागों में कम्प्यूटरों के प्रयोग का मुख्य प्रभाव निम्नलिखित क्षेत्रों में पड़ा है :

(i) सूचना की समय पर उपलब्धता ।

(ii) बेहतर निर्णय लेने के लिए सूचना का विश्लेषण ।

(iii) सूचना-प्रौद्योगिकी के आधुनिक साधनों का प्रयोग ।

Time-table for Withdrawal of Pakistani Troops

1133. SHRII RAM AWADHESH SINGH:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a time-table for withdrawal of Pakistani troops has been proposed; as reported in the Hindustan Times of 1st February, 1987; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government propose to seal western borders, in view* of the problem of terrorism created beyond the frontiers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) An agreement has been reached with the signing of 'Minutes of Consultation' at the official level talks between Pakistan and India, to defuse the border situation through a sector by sector approach. Ac-cardingly, withdrawal of troops by Pakistan from the Ravi-Chenab sector has been completed on 19th February, 1987.

(b) Government are fully aware of the problems related to terrorism and necessary steps are taken from time to time, to increase the vigilance on the borders.

Loans granted under self employment scheme

1134. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas ed to state:

(a) the number of applications received, State-wise, by banks under tha

Scheme of self employment launched by the Government recently; and

(b) the number of persons granted loans under this scheme as on 31st December, 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to the Seif-Employ-ment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) started from September; 1986 for providing self emp'oyment op-portunities to the urban poor. Reserve Bank of India has reported that the complete data has not been received in respect of all centres so far. As per the provisional information Irom Reserve Bank of India in respeet of 18 States [Union Territories, 4 83 lakh applications were received under the Self-Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP). Out of these 1. 30 lakh cases were sanctioned and disbursement of Rs. 32. 18 crores was also made in 1. 10 lakh applications. The State-wise progress of the Joans sanctioned during the year 1986-87 will be known only after the end of the current financial year.

Rise in consumer price index

1135. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consumer price index has gone up by 8. 9 per cent as against 5 per cent in the previous year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to check this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) The Consumer Price index for Industrial workers rose by 8. 9 per cent in 1985-86 (March over March) as i against ›5. 0 per cent In 1984-85:

(b) The higher increase in the Consumer Price Index during 1985-86 was due to a faster rate of increase in prices of certain items like pulses (Gram & Moong) fruits and vege tables, tea, condiments and spices, eggs fish and meat, some articles of per sonal care and housing.

(c) The thrust of Government's anti- inflationary policy continues to be on effective demand and supply management including strengthening of public distribution system regulated releases of sugar and edible oiis and mopping up of excess liquidity in the system. The Central Government has advised the State Governments to take strict action against traders indulging in profiteering, hoarding and blackmarketing.

New 20 Point Programme

1136. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PRO-GRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the items in the new 20-Point Programme announced in 1986; and

(b) what are the detail of measures taken for the effective implementation of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BHAJAN LAL): (a) The 20-Point Programme—1986 has already been placed on the Table of the House on 20-8-1986 by the Minister for Programme Implemention and contains all the items included in this Programme.

(b) The implementation of the 20-Point Programme—1986 will be under-